

## Delivering a better environment for the UK?

### - challenges for a new and effective environmental framework

The context for this year's conference continues to be the degree of uncertainty surrounding Government plans for a new Environmental Bill, while the future extent of alignment between the UK's and Europe's environmental policies remains unclear. This is crucial: will the Bill really uphold and reinforce our current level of environmental protection? Or will it fall prey to de-regulatory pressures in a UK desperate for trade deals? Conference will have an update on progress, if any, on the Bill and hear about the demands that EPUK has made on behalf of its membership. Delegates at our 2018 Conference heard calls for the necessary powers to allow the Office for Environment Protection to become a strong independent and effective watchdog. Concerns about this have not gone away, in fact have arguably increased; conference will have an update on this too.

Despite uncertainty about environmental policy for the future, today's challenges remain. Special conference sessions on air quality, land quality and noise, will air current concerns in these vital areas of environmental protection and delegates will hear updates on ongoing issues.

The programme is planned to ensure lively discussion in the conference sessions with many opportunities for networking and viewing the exhibition and displays.

#### **The Conference will be of particular interest to:**

- Local authority officers and members with environmental portfolios, Environmental Health Practitioners, Contaminated Land, Planning and Transport Officers
- Anyone in public office with an environment brief or interest
- Environmental managers from the private and public sectors
- Environmental businesses and consultants
- Academics and students involved in teaching, research and learning in environmental protection subjects
- Local environmental interest groups

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Even more than in other years, the 2019 Conference has to adapt to national events as they unfold. Our President and Vice Presidents will give their assessment of the current position of environmental legislation and prospects for a fit-for-purpose Environment Bill. Our special sessions will also reflect prospect for change but will be more focussed on current and emerging issues.

The following speakers are now confirmed:

**Plenary Session**

**Sarah Legge, EPUK, Chair of the Air Quality Committee** will give a presentation on EPUK members' demands for the new Environment Bill;

**William Wilson, Barrister and Director of Wyese Consulting Ltd** will speak on the prospects for a strong and robust legal framework for environmental protection in the future.

**Katherine Nield, UK Clean Air Lawyer at Client Earth** will give a talk on "Making an Environment Bill that is fit for purpose."

**Land Quality Special Session**

**Tom Ridgway, Lead Geospatial Surveyor at The Carto Group** will give a presentation on "The Power of a Good Survey", a discussion on surveying techniques covering below ground, standard land survey and some remote sensing.

**Marian Markham Of Jacobs** will speak on "Asbestos Risk in Ground Investigation", the latest UK industry good practice for intrusive ground investigation for compliance with the control of asbestos regulations 2012.

**Oliver Chrisp Of Aecom** will explain how recent developments in science and technology have enhanced geophysical investigations.

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**Noise Special Session**

**Dr Antonio J. Torija Martinez, University of Salford:** will give an update on emerging issues in urban noise with a presentation on “Drone noise – A new public health challenge in urban areas.”

A leading health professional will speak on “Health impacts of environmental noise.”

There will be an update on Government’s noise policy in a talk on the “challenges of delivering a more tranquil environment for urban areas”, as seen from a Local Authority Perspective.

**Air Quality Special Session**

Defra have been invited to give an update on the Clean Air Strategy and progress in developing Clean Air Zones.

A leading air quality scientist will give a talk on the latest evidence of impacts of Ultra-fine Particles (UfP) on health and the environment.

There will also be a presentation on the case for a policy initiative on UfP and the form it might take.

**As more speakers are confirmed and we have more information on our plenary speakers, we will send updates.**

This year the Open Discussion Session will include feedback from Policy Committee Chairs on Special Sessions, overviews of the year’s work in Committees and responses to Government policy initiatives. In last year’s Open Discussion Session our Vice President Derek Osborn challenged EPUK to set out clear expectation of the new Environment Bill. Committee Chairs produced a response. Conference will be given a summary of the main points and there will be an opportunity to discuss EPUK’s position.

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Please complete the form below and return to our office at the address below. You can also register online at [www.environmental-protection.org.uk/events/epuk-events/autumn-conference-2019/](http://www.environmental-protection.org.uk/events/epuk-events/autumn-conference-2019/) If you require any further information, please email: [finance@environmental-protection.org.uk](mailto:finance@environmental-protection.org.uk); or call 07710 183525.

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Non-Member: Display Stand Package (see below):	£569.00 +VAT (£682.80) <sup>‡</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Display Stand Package includes one delegate, short introductory conference session, on-site hotel accommodation with breakfast for Tuesday 12 November plus parking

## Appointed Delegates:

First	Name	_____
	Postal Address	_____ _____
	Postcode	Email
Second	Name	_____
	Postal Address	_____ _____
	Postcode	Email
Third	Name	_____
	Postal Address	_____ _____
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- Invoice (official purchase order must accompany the Registration Form)
- Credit Card (please use the link above to register and pay online)

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Please return the completed form by post to:

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